

Jackson Board of Fire Commissioners, District 2
Minutes of June 9, 2011

ATTENDANCE: John Poppe Jr., Jason Symons, Mike McLaughlin, Chuck Bunnell, Jim Hammond.

ABSENT: Attorney, Rich Braslow

Others present: Chief Alchevsky

Pursuant to the open public meetings act, this meeting was duly advertised in the Tri town news and provided to the Township Clerk all within 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. By Attorney Braslow.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Motion to accept the minutes of May as prepared. Motion by Commissioner Bunnell, seconded by Commissioner Symons. . VOTE: AYES: Poppe, Symons, Hammond, McLaughlin and Bunnell. NAY: None.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Alchevsky has the receipts for the lettering of 5600, everything is satisfactory and the bill can be paid.

5605 progress report is that the ladder won't go up. Brian wants to send it to absolute; chief suggests it go to First Priority, back to the mechanic who knows the truck. It was Ok'd. Joe contacted the factory and they were trying to track down a new computer for \$1,000 of the price, absolute is higher priced. First priority put it all back together, ladder is not useable but it can be used as a pumper only. Delivery of the new computer can take 3 to 4 weeks.

Chief discussed the County Chief Meeting held and advised that they are looking into some federal funding assistance for communications. No information until October.

Chief advised that Chief Roche and Station 54 went to a grant meeting at OCOEM and submitted a request for digital interface console to operate our digital frequencies. Not sure when it will be available.

Joe advised they had a lot of mutual aid this month, no structure fires, a few car accidents, lots of co and alarms, power outages and unfounded calls. Monthly reports have been coming in on time and have been forwarded over to John and Adam for the NFIRS numbers. Working Protocol still in attorney review. Still working under the agreement even though not signed.

Discussion regarding the radios and switching bands. Looking to find alternative way to call back to fix switch over. Chief to reach out to waters at station 55. There are issues switching to tack 1. No reason we can stay twp. wide 3. Will bring up at next township county wide meeting.

It was noted that on a call the truck went over a bump and saws all fell out. Cannot locate it, will go to police to fill out report, but need to secure a replacement.

Radios on the Yukon are working. Installer threw in and mounted low band antenna setting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Commissioners look over monthly phone bill and question why they are still paying for Dave's phone bill.

Needs to verify that we are not paying for fire code books

Questions why the radio portables are back in the voucher file, this was previously paid.

Rest of bills ok – approved by all.

Chief advises he has a new member Patrick McNamara who is attending Rutgers in the fall. Can't make firefighter I for the fall session. Middlesex County has a summer section for a fee of \$325.00 – Approved by Board.

OLD BUSINESS: A Guy from Island Heights Ocean Security is coming out to fix the fire alarm and will have it done before June 17, the deadline.

Discussion regarding the utility authority and the painting and flow testing. They activated bowman Road but it needs to be color coded. The Joint Board is going to look into the MUA fees and hopefully get them negotiated.

No joint board meeting this month. Waiting on Agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Received notification that the catalyst converter needs replacing on Wally's Blazer. Estimated cost is \$900, can be done for \$300. Per Commissioners – hold off on repairs, use the other blazer.

The excursion has the following issues: Brian can do the brakes and shocks. The coils, sensors and spark plugs we can do. Passenger window was repaired last year. Window track is the issue. Need gas struts for the rear hatch – they are about \$40 plus installation, but we can get them cheaper. All of these repairs can be done in house.

Board will hold a Special Meeting on Monday, June 27th at 7 p.m. to take care of business with the Attorney who was unable to be here this evening.

CAREER STAFF REPORT:

Joe submitted a time off request.

Joe advised the AED on 5601, the battery is going bad so he ordered a new battery and it will be in by Monday.

5601 Brian found problem with the door sensors on the sliding doors. Chief will contact the regional director for both doors that are acting up.

Had problems with the fan belt on 5608 – there was a second fan belt on there missing – who knows how long it's been missing. Rebuilt pulley lever and now have a spare belt.

5639 pump is not starting up

Sent Scott co detector back, wouldn't shut off.

5639 had minor fender damage but it's been straightened out. DEP will come out and fine us. Need to get it working. Board to look into this matter.

Scott packs have been recertified, everything passed and is working.
Joe is working on getting the truck repairs entered in and updated.

Pump testing needs to be done. Brian is certified to work on them but not to certify them. Joe got a price of \$840 to do the four pumps. EES (Emergency Equipment Sales) will bring their truck to the firehouse and get it all done at once. Joe will look into pricing for other companies

June 29 at 5 p.m. SCBA Field Maintenance Class – Fire Equipment is doing class, there are 2 from District 3. 20 people to attend, no fee. Approval to attend this class, no monies and they will send a list of tools needed and will provide a cd of the manual. Commissioner Hammond suggests you hand pick guys and then you know who is allowed to do the repairs and who is not.

Voucher submitted for Fuel Reimbursement, there was nothing available from here at the time.

Regular portion of meeting closed at 7:58. Motion by Commissioner Poppe to go into executive session, seconded by Commissioner Bunnell. All Aye.

Executive Session: Commissioners Poppe, McLaughlin, Bunnell and Hammond.

Personnel Matters discussed

Motion to close executive session at 8:45 p.m. by Commissioner Poppe, seconded by Commissioner Bunnell. All Aye

Alarm is certified for One year. One year from June 1 before it expires with DEP.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Poppe, seconded by Commissioner Bunnell. Meeting closed at 8:56 p.m. **VOTE: AYES: Poppe, McLaughlin, Hammond and Bunnell. NAY: None.**

Michael McLaughlin, Secretary

